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Applicant(s): Crabtree et al.
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Applicant's attorney, for purposes of preparing an Appeal Brief, was attempting to understand the Examiner's sole cited reference, Klein, U.S. patent 4,224,956. In particular applicant's attorney puzzled over some of Klein's statements in his Background of the Invention section, columns 1 and the top of column 2, even though referred to by the Examiner. Being puzzled by certain of Klein's statements, applicant downloaded Klein's "examples" of some "prior art adjustable mixing valves", namely the five attached patents. Applicant finds the five attached patents relevant. Applicant's, RCE, amendments and arguments take into account these references.

Applicant submits that the above references taken alone or in combination neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

It is requested that the information disclosed herein be made of record in this application.

It is believed that no further request for extension of time or fees are due. Notwithstanding, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees incurred or credit any overage to Deposit Account No.50-1753 (0110SS-44500). Please regard this as a further request for extension of time to the extent one is needed.

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